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SUBJECT: MTN: OFFER PROCEDURES FOR GROUPS NTM AND
AGRICULTURE

REF: GENEVA 12066 DATED DECEMBER 13, 1977

1. WORK IN WASHINGTON ON U.S. NONTARIFF MEASURE OFFERS OR
RESPONSES TO REQUESTS MADE BY OTHER COUNTRIES HAS BEEN PRO-
CEEDING ON ASSUMPTION THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO RESPOND TO
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EACH REQUEST IF ONLY TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OR TO SET RECORD
STRAIGHT THAT MEASURE IS NOT A BARRIER TO TRADE. WE EXPECT
SUCH RESPONSES TO NTM REQUESTS WE HAVE MADE. SECRETARIAT'S
PROPOSED FORMAT (PARAGRAPH 2 REFTL) WOULD REQUIRE SOME
MODIFICATION TO REFLECT THIS CONCEPT. WE BELIEVE SOME
MODIFICATION ALSO NECESSARY TO CONVEY GENERAL NATURE OF
MANY OF THE MEASURES. ACCORDINGLY, WE SUGGEST DELEGATION

EXPLORE WITH SECRETARIAT A FORMAT ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES
WHICH WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO RESPONSES WE ARE PRE-
PARING:

MEASURE ON	PRODUCTS	REQUESTING	OFFER/RESPONSE TO
WHICH REQUEST	AFFECTED	COUNTRY	REQUEST
MADE	(SEE FOOTNOTE)		

FOOTNOTE:
INCLUDING TARIFF NUMBER WHERE APPROPRIATE.

2. WE HAVE NOT REACHED A DECISION ON WHETHER ALL NTM
OFFERS/RESPONSES WOULD BE CIRCULATED THROUGH SECRETARIAT
OR WHETHER SOME (PARTICULARLY THOSE OF A CLARIFYING NATURE)
WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED BILATERALLY ONLY. CURRENT THINKING IS
THAT A CONSOLIDATED U.S. OFFER IN TWO PARTS IS DESIRABLE;
ONE PART WOULD CONSIST OF POSITIVE TARIFF OFFERS, BOTH AG-
RICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL, AND OTHER WOULD CONSIST OF NON-
TARIFF OFFERS, BOTH AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL. THERE MAY
BE SOME CROSS-REFERENCING BETWEEN TWO. DELEGATION'S
SUGGESTIONS IN PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 APPEAR TO PROVIDE
FLEXIBILITY WE NEED. WITH REGARD TO THE STRICTLY BI-
LATERAL OPTION, NOTED BY THE NORDICS, WE WOULD NEED MORE
INFORMATION ON THE PURPOSE OF SUCH AN OPTION AND THE DELE-
GATION'S ASSESSMENT OF ITS EFFECT BEFORE SUPPORTING IT SINCE
WE AGREE WITH THE DELEGATION THAT SOME EFFORT IS REQUIRED
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AT LEAST AT THE INITIAL OFFER STAGE TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY.
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